

The Grapevine

Christmas Newsletter

Presidents Note

Christmas greetings, peace, joy and love to you and your family for this unique 2020 Christmas.



This Grapevine is intended to bring some festive cheer to us all in lieu of not being able to get together. Your superb contributions have certainly brought the sparkle to this publicationthank you .

On a personal note I have been very touched with your very kind emails / cards and phone calls in appreciation of the hyacinth baskets. The WI 'elves ' (Judy , Rosalind, Julie, Ingrid and myself) all enjoyed a most welcome reaction to our surprise deliveries. It was lovely to see WI members face to face ...at a social distance of course. Hopefully your hyacinths are blooming as beautifully as the one in this picture and the perfume is permeating through your homes. The baskets were planted up for us by Sandie Riley of T&S Riley who delivered many plants to WI members during lock down.



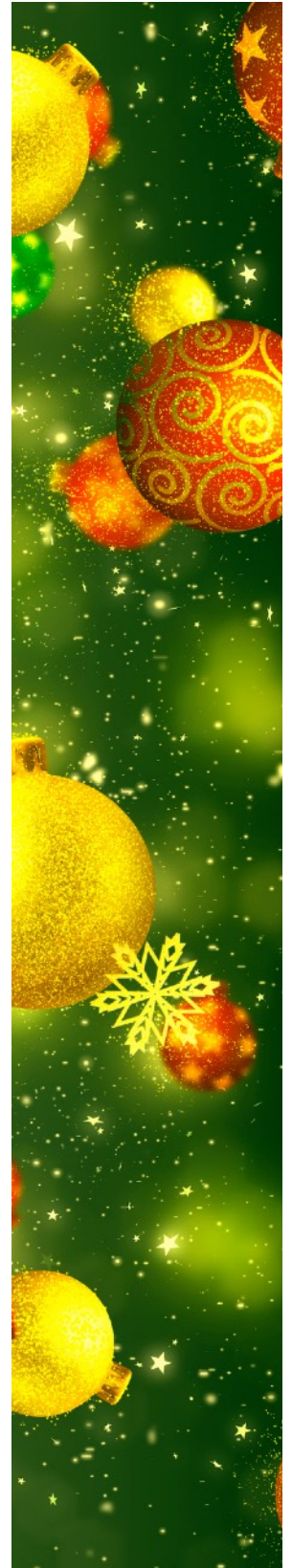
You will no doubt have seen the thank you email that Jill sent us for the flowers we delivered on behalf of all the members. We wanted to let her know that we are thinking of her and send our love and best wishes. We hope you are progressing well Jill and it was nice to hear from you.

Thank you to everyone connected with Over Peover WI during 2020, I greatly appreciate that you have all stayed 'on board ' to keep our WI afloat. This year has been very different and it hasn't been easy, but with small groups continuing to meet and the use of technology to keep the Committees functioning I think we are in a very positive position to embrace 2021 as the time we can restart our activities. I am looking forward to welcoming you all as soon as we are able to meet again. We plan to continue the Grapevine until that time, the next issue will be out on the last Thursday in January.

Merry Christmas to you all and a Healthy and Happy New Year 2021

Best wishes,

June





We asked for your pictures and you didn't disappoint. We have lights to bring cheer, door wreaths made with style, not to mention some festive knitted bollard covers - well it is Christmas ...



SEASONAL SNIPPETS

Again thank you to all who sent items into the Grapevine. We have a festive selection for you .

Mother in Law's apple mincemeat recipe

(Rumour is that because it doesn't have suet it can't be fattening - Yep we can follow that logic!)

2lb Apples finely chopped
(Golden Delicious are good).
10 oz currants and 10oz sultanas
or 20oz Mixed fruit
1.5lbs demerara sugar
(reduce to 1lb if you prefer it less sweet)
Rind and juice of 2 sweet oranges and 1 lemon
1 good teaspoon of mixed spice
3 tablespoons brandy or rum

Cook the apples in juices and a little water until soft. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add fruit, flavourings and bring to the boil for about 5 minutes. Add brandy/rum and bring back to the boil to burn off alcohol - not too hard!
Pour into sterilised jars and seal.

.... Anne Brooks

The Norbury Fairy Tale.....

Purchased the Christmas of 1964 from Woolworths in Stockport, this fairy queen cost 1 shilling but of course she is priceless to her owners. Here she is with the baubles bought the same day.



She spends 11 months of the year wrapped in tissue and then for the month of December she can be seen in all her splendor at the top of the Christmas tree in the Norbury household. Looks fabulous for 56 years old - must be all that tissue!! ... Helen Norbury

Quotes that resonate at this time

"For it is in giving that we receive "

... .Francis of Assis

"Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day" Helen Steiner Rice

CHRISTMAS BRAIN TEASER

Something a little bit different as it's Christmas - can you spot the 12 differences between the two Santa's below?



November's Riddle - What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you? ANSWER - your name. Well done to those who got it right.